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SUBJECT: BAM CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS

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1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. THE CENTRAL PRESS ON DECEMBER 10 CARRIES A CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE FROM GENERAL-SECRETARY BREZHNEV TO ALL THOSE INVOLVED IN CONSTRUCTING THE BAIKAL AMUR MAGISTRAL (BAM) RAILROAD FOR COMPLETING THE 1976 CONSTRUCTION-ASSEMBLY PROGRAM AHEAD OF SCHEDULE. THE MESSAGE STATES THAT PORTIONS OF THE RAILROAD TOTALLING MORE THAN 500 KILOMETERS HAVE BEEN BUILT AND MOVEMENT OF TRAINS HAS BEEN INITIATED. CONSTRUCTION OF THE TYNDA-BERKAKIT LINE IS DESCRIBED AS PROCEEDING AHEAD OF SCHEDULE, REFTEL. AND THE CONSTRUCTION BASE FOR THE BAM IS SAID TO HAVE BEEN STRENGTHENED BY THE INITIATION OF PRODUCTION AHEAD OF SCHEDULE OF A PLANT AT SHIMANOVSK, AMUR OBLAST, TO PRODUCE LARGE REINFORCED CONCRETE SLABS FOR HOUSING CONSTRUCTION.

2. TRUD ON NOVEMBER 21 REPORTED THAT THE SURGUT-NIZHNEVARTOVSK RAIL LINE IN WEST SIBERIA HAD BEEN COMPLETED AND THAT THE FIRST WORKING TRAIN HAD TRAVERSED THE NEW LINE. THIS COMPLETES THE LINK BETWEEN THE CITY OF TYUMEN AND NIZHNEVARTOVSK. ACCORDING TO TRUD, WORK IS ALREADY PROCEEDING ON PUSHING THE NEW RAIL LINE NORTH TO THE URENGOY GAS FIELDS. END UNCLASSIFIED.

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3. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. COMMENT: THE APPARENT SUCCESSES  
IN RAILROAD CONSTRUCTION HAVE RECEIVED CONSIDERABLE  
COVERAGE, NOT ONLY REFLECTING THE ECONOMIC SIGNIFICANCE OF THE  
PROJECTS BUT ALSO TO UNDERSCORE THAT AT LEAST IN CERTAIN AREAS,  
CONSTRUCTION PERFORMANCE CAN MEET SCHEDULED NORMS. THE "NEW  
FRONTIER" SYNDROME SURROUNDING THE BAM PROJECT WAS MOST  
EVIDENT FROM THE TONE OF BREZHNEV'S MESSAGE. END COMMENT.  
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